

DODGE COUNTY UW EXTENSION EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

December 22, 2015

The Dodge County UW-Extension Education Committee met on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. 1H & 1I auditorium; the Dodge County Administration Building, 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, WI.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Behl called Meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. with the following members present: Allen Behl, Gerald Adelmeyer, Ed Nelson and Annette Thompson arrived at 10:35am. Darrell Pollesch was absent.

Also, present: Jeff Hoffman, Community Development Educator and Co-Department Head, Marie Witzel, 4-H Youth Development Agent and Co-Department Head, Pattie Carroll, Family Living Educator, and Bonnie Borden, Youth Dairy & Livestock Educator.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Adelmeyer to approve minutes for Tuesday, October 20, 2015 meeting. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS:

None.

APPROVAL OF PER DIEMS: Motion by Nelson, seconded by Adelmeyer to approve the regular meeting per diems.

REVIEW OF BILLS Review of the UW-Extension revenues and expenses.

DEPARTMENT BUSINESS:

- a. Reviewed UW-Extension Revenues and Expenses for October & November 2015.
- b. Discussion and update on open positions:
 1. Witzel reported that the Dairy & Livestock position closed early November. Screening and prelim interviews with two candidates took place. The final interviews will be Friday, January 8, 2016 at 9:30am. The committee meets at 9am before the interviews begin.
 2. Witzel reported that the Crops & Soils position (50/50 position with Fond du Lac County) closed on November 30th. Screening is done of the applicants and the earliest date for prelims for that position is January 11, 2016. There is no direction at this time as to how the "final interviews" will take place with a shared position with Fond du Lac County. The question was asked on how the Committee would like to be represented during the final interview process and Behl said that it is a desire amongst the entire Committee that Dodge County UW-Extension Committee has representation at the final interviews for the Crops & Soils shared position.
 3. Carroll reported that the WNEP screening was held yesterday (December 21, 2015) and that they are going to have four individuals advance to the preliminary interviews that will be held in January 2016.
- c. Consideration for Pattie Carroll's attendance at an out of state conference for PILD in April 2016:
 1. Motion by Thompson, seconded by Nelson to approve Pattie Carroll's attendance to the out of state conference for PILD that will be held on April 11, 12 and 13, 2016. Pattie Carroll now has to take this request to the Dodge County Executive Board.

- d. Consideration for Fund balance transfer of BU 6862 Tractor Safety and 6814 Youth Programs:
 - 1. Hoffman explained why it was necessary to have the fund balance transfers for both accounts so the Committee was kept aware of funds. Tractor Safety – manuals that were ordered for both 2016 and 2017 and 6814 was for the Goat Project.
- e. Consideration of account reconciliation for the Conservation Aids Grant Program BU 6871:
 - 1. Hoffman explained the situation regarding the DNR funds and what the County contributes to the Grant Program each year.
 - i. Motion by Nelson, seconded by Adelmeyer to continue to support the use of the Conservation Aids Grant Program as it has been done in the past years.
- f. Update on future of UW-Extension Plan
 - 1. Hoffman shared the recent emails from the Chancellor and Dean. He suggested to the committee members that if they have any thoughts or concerns about the proposed changes forthcoming to UW-Extension they should email her their thoughts or concerns. For example, do they have thoughts on the area, or ideas on how county residents needs will be addressed? It was also mentioned that the restructure of UW-Extension could affect the makeup of the Committee in the future.

EDUCATORS' REPORTS:

Hoffman: Hoffman shared information on an upcoming farm transition series of workshops being offered collaboratively with the Fond du Lac, Jefferson and Dodge County Extension offices. He shared how there will be additional demand on the Educator's to contribute to the implementation planning teams, which could take them away from the office more than normal. However, he said all planned programming will go on, as the county is first priority.

Witzel: Witzel reported on the combined Achievement and Community Builders program. The Sponsors liked seeing youth getting awards, and the 4-H families appreciated one program so it will be held the same in 2016. The Leaders Association fish fry was held in November with a record attendance. Thanks to those who attended for their support. This year's annual leader training was done through eforums from the North Central Region. They focused on Belonging, Community and Leadership. This was a great opportunity for networking among club leaders.

Carroll: Carroll reported that she would be teaching a session during the farm transition series of workshops being offered collaboratively with Fond du Lac, Jefferson and Dodge County Extension offices. Carroll also reported that she was in the planning stages for a series of trainings for childcare professionals this spring and her eParenting Little Ones workgroup sent the newly developed curriculum for peer review.

Borden: Borden reported that Tractor & Machinery Safety Training will begin in January and run for 3 Saturdays-9th, 16th, & 23rd. Area Agriculture Teachers and agribusiness volunteers will facilitate the lessons followed by the certification testing on the late part of the day on the 23rd. The class is open to youth from area counties, as well.

COMMUNICATION: None

NEXT MEETING DATE: The next regularly scheduled Extension Committee meeting, February 16, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. at the UW-Extension Conference Room 1C, in the Dodge County Administration Building at 127 East Oak Street, Juneau, Wisconsin.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before this committee, it was motioned by Thompson and seconded by Nelson to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Gerald Adelmeyer, Secretary


Allen Behl, Chairman